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OPEN-HEARTH FURNACE
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ZENICA IRONWORKS

TO BE COMPLETED IN 1951 -- Belgrade, Borba, 12 Feb 51; Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 9 Feb 51

The fourth postwar open-hearth furnace in Yugoslavia is under construction at the Zenica ironworks. The new furnace, which is being set up in the 500-meter steel mill, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1951. Three mobile open-hearth furnaces, which will have three times the capacity of ordinary open-hearth furnaces, will be built later. Mixers, which will take the molten metal from the blast furnaces and feed it to the open-hearth furnaces, will also be built this year.

SCRAP ENTERPRISE TO SUPPLY IRONWORKS -- Belgrade, Borba, 12 Feb 51

Sarajevo, 11 February -- The "Otpad" Republic Enterprise in Sarajevo, which collects scrap iron in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will deliver 7,000 tons of scrap iron to the Zenica ironworks in 1951. At present the enterprise is engaged in salvaging the iron framework of a former bridge over the Drina River near Visegrad. The framework is estimated to contain 100 tons of scrap iron. It is expected that 500 to 600 tons of cast iron will be gathered in Lukavac this year. The amount is expected to satisfy the requirements of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 1951.

IRONWORKS TO PRODUCE RR TRACK -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 5 Feb 51

The Zenica ironworks will soon produce the railroad tracks and other equipment for the Banjaluka-Doboj railroad, which is scheduled to be completed before the end of 1951.

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The first of the huge blast furnaces, for which 1,000 tons of iron ore will be supplied from the mine at Ljubija every day, is also scheduled to be completed before the end of 1951. The mine at Vares will not be completed before the end of 1951 and therefore will not be able to supply all the iron ore needed for the new blast furnace. When both blast furnaces are in operation, the mine at Vares will deliver its entire ore output, and the mine at Ljubija will deliver one half of its output. The distance between Ljubija and Zenica on the new line will be 257 kilometers, while the distance via Sunja and Vrpolje is 423 kilometers.

NEW CUPOLA IN OPERATION -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 9 Feb 51

The first cupola recently began operation in the new foundry in Stup near Sarajevo. A furnace for drying molds for metal castings will be completed there soon. The foundry recently began the production of castings and grates for sewage systems, as well as parts for wood-processing machines. As soon as two additional cupolas and one additional drying furnace are built this year, production will be tripled.

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